

The prorogation of the Legislative Council yesterday attracted little attention. The attendance of spectators was less than the average upon such occasions; and if regarded as an evidence of the interest the public take in legislative matters, shows that the apathy of the people towards everything appertaining to the government of the country is increasing rather than diminishing. There is a settled and growing conviction in the public mind that the worst backing a measure can have is a popular endorsement. For instance: In the Speech of yesterday His Excellency "has to thank" the honorable members for the "spirit of initiation" they have exhibited during the session; and then proceeds immediately to state his objections to several measures of public utility—the offspring of this "spirit of initiation," for a display of which he has just thanked the Councilmen. It is true, that His Excellency does not "veto" these measures, and that he gives the members to "understand that none is finally disallowed;" but he withholds his consent, which, in the opinion of a large majority of the public, is a polite way of saying that the measures are moribund. Among the bills in abeyance are the Investment and Loan Societies' Bill, the Companies' Bill, and the Bill to Incorporate the Members of St. Andrew's Church—all beneficial measures based upon public necessity. The Savings and Loan Bill was especially demanded by the mechanic class, for whose advancement it was conceived. His Excellency regrets that he can "find no precedent for the principles enunciated" in it. It is a pity His Excellency's office is not provided with a copy of the Canadian statutes, wherein he would find an Act furnishing ample precedent, under the provisions of which several associations have been for years in successful operation. Any alteration this year in the Excise and Tariff is deprecated; but hope is held out that at the "next session" important changes may be expected. "I was ever thus." The "next session" is the *ignis fatuus* we have been pursuing from year to year, and still appear as remote as ever from grasping its benefits. But notwithstanding the unfavorable tenor of the first part of the Speech, we still experience a slight sense of gratification at knowing that the Drawbacks Bill will be forwarded to the Colonial Office accompanied by His Excellency's "favorable recommendation." We had rather the bill had gone into operation immediately, but "half-a-loaf is better than no bread." Every day that our commercial relations with the adjoining country remain in their present unsatisfactory state, opportunities are being lost by our merchants, and, indirectly, by our people and Government. The first thing to be considered in any country is to put the people in a position to make money. If merchants cannot prosper from the Colonial trade, an Avenue ought to be opened for their goods in another direction. Trade here languishes. The Drawbacks Bill proposes to revive it—to win back the *prestige* of our port acquired under Free Trade, yet without repeating any of the objectionable features of Free Trade. Is it wise to allow our merchants to leave the Colony? would it not be better to place them in a position to make money and thus increase trade instead of diminishing it? How there could be a moment's hesitation in signing the Drawbacks Bill is a puzzle; and, indeed, we shall "rest" if not "thankful" under the assurance of His Excellency that he "shall carefully consider how far his powers extend to remove any restrictions not absolutely required by law, which may appear to impede the operations of commerce." We think we observe one or two other evidences of a desire to atone in some degree for the errors of the past, cropping out through the Speech. The suggestions of the Council regarding Female Immigration, and a Labor Exchange are adopted. The remonstrance as to the present position of the Supreme Courts will go home with a gubernatorial endorsement; the principle of paying the expenses of "elected" (selected) members of the Council is pronounced "a bad one;" the consolidation of the laws of the two sections of the Colony "shall receive the most consideration during the recess," and last, but by no means least, the wolves and panthers that Dr. Davie urged against are to receive a *quietus*. In conclusion, Governor Seymour says—"It would be wrong for us to despond, where Nature is doing all for this country of unbounded resources and most charming climate." His Excellency is correct. "Nature is doing

all," or nearly all, "for this country." We are extremely sorry to have it in our power to say that her efforts are not always seconded by the Government, which might, by paying a proper regard for the *vox populi*, improve the gifts which Heaven has bountifully spread around us, and start the country upon a career of prosperity and happiness instead of allowing it to sink into a condition of discontent and inactivity.

By Electric Telegraph.

SPECIAL TO THE DAILY BRITISH COLONIST

LAST NIGHT'S DESPATCHES.

Europe.
LONDON, March 13.—In the House of Commons last night Mr Seeley moved the appointment of a committee on the mail contract entered into with the United States Postmaster General. He said the contract was completed by the late Government, and its violation would be a breach of faith. He added that the present service was satisfactory. The motion was adopted by 115 to 86.

DELAYED DISPATCHES.

Europe.
MADRID, March 8.—The Government barracks were partially burned yesterday by an incendiary.

In the Cortez to-day, Serrano and Prim both said they were in favor of granting pardon to all persons condemned for violation of the laws regulating the public press.

LONDON, March 8.—In the Commons to-day the First Lord of the Admiralty announced that the Government will be able to reduce the naval estimates £1,000,000.

MADRID, March 8.—The Cortez yesterday had a stormy debate on the future form of government. The Republicans demand the removal of Marshal Montpensier, and accused the Government of trying to smuggle him into the country as King. Prim defended Montpensier. Toppet preferred Montpensier as King to a Republic. Serrano defended the course of the Government. Choosing a ruler had been left to the Cortez, but this Republican pressure on the Chamber was wrong.

Eastern States.
PETERSBURG, March 12.—At the afternoon session of the Convention yesterday, there was more excitement. A colored Sergeant-at-arms was appointed against whom a member leveled a pistol while attempting to make an arrest. The latter was taken charge of by the police. A motion requesting the Mayor to withdraw the police was defeated, but he finally withdrew the police force from the hall. Mr. H. H. Wells was nominated for Governor. Dr. Harris, colored, for Lieutenant Governor. Resolutions in favor of the early restoration of Virginia, under the constitution without amendment, and an early election, were passed. They also express confidence in Grant.

CHICAGO, March 10.—A man named Finn, his wife and two children, were found huddled up in their house yesterday. The three latter were dead, and they were already beginning to be decomposed. Finn, also, was in the agonies of death, and it is supposed that all were poisoned by arsenic, but by whom or for what reason, is a complete mystery.

PORTLAND (Maine), March 1.—The Democrats obtained a victory in this city to-day; 170 majority. A Democratic gain is reported from other cities in the State.

CHICAGO, March 6.—There were nine different fires in this city during last night, involving an aggregate loss of \$100,000. The alarms were almost constant during the entire night, and great consternation prevailed. The weather was intensely cold and the wind blew a gale. Fires were entertained of a general conflagration. The fires were not confined to any particular place, but occurred at the same time at every district. The firemen were completely exhausted with cold and fatigue. The bodies of four men who fell with a roof into the fire on Canal street were exhumed this morning, burned out of the semblance of humanity.

California.
SAN FRANCISCO, March 11.—A man made an application to the Chief of Police and the Street Superintendent yesterday, for permission to explore the sewers of the city for treasure. He offers half the amount found for the permits. He estimates the amount to be found at \$3,000,000.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 10.—A man named Morris Welsh was shot and instantly killed by a German named William Volter, on Port street, in the Western Addition, early this morning. They were neighbors, and the quarrel arose out of a dispute of two years standing, in regard to the title to a portion of the premises. This morning, according to the state-ments of Welsh's wife, Welsh went upon Volter's premises to speak to some men engaged in carting sand. Mrs. Volter attacked him with a heavy stick, striking him a terrible blow on the head. Welsh wrestled away the stick when Volter rushed from the house with a revolver and fired three shots, the third one taking effect in the right side of Welsh, killing him instantly.

Card from the Member for Kootenay—
Why he failed to attend the Council.

OATLANDS, Soda Creek, Feb. 25th, 1869.

EDITOR BRITISH COLONIST.—In your issue of Feb. 6th, the hon. Mr. Holbrook, in bringing forward his motion recommending that members elected from the Mainland be paid their expenses during the time of their attendance at the Council, says:—"In respect to representative districts, he from the distant, that he hoped would be might instance only, not districts in the one of the most important represented there country, but which was not represented from the cause above referred to, viz., non-payment of expenses."

enay district, and the session being far advanced before I received definite information of the fact, the bulk of the business would have been over before I could attend. I trust, another session to give that attention to the Council, which so important a district demands.

I am, &c.,
EDGAR DEWDNEY.

A Public Grievance.

EDITOR BRITISH COLONIST.—I wish to draw the public attention to the disgraceful scenes that happen every night in the most frequented thoroughfares in our city. The breaking of windows, destroying of property, frequently to a large amount, is an occurrence of nearly every night. Complaints to the Police Magistrate are not always made, sometimes people prefer to suffer rather a loss than wait just for that moment when His Worship might be seen, and even when a complaint is really made no satisfaction can be obtained, the Magistrate contenting himself with remarking, as he did some time ago, that empty houses are a nuisance to the Police and that people ought to have parties living in those houses to protect them. Now, I contend that if the Police, instead of trying for the sake of reward to catch a few unfortunate whiskey-drillers, were ordered to pay more attention to the night-robbers who commit these depredations, it would be a great deal more satisfactory to the public and more creditable both to the Magistrate and the Police Force. A few arrests and convictions would have the effect of stopping in some measure such complaints as these and saving many dollars to the proprietors who are unfortunate enough to have empty houses and who would willingly give part of their savings to the police.

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NOW LANDING EX "CECROPS," AND for sale by the undersigned.
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FOR SALE BY THE UNDERSIGNED, ex "Prince of Wales," in Bond or Duty paid.
Pickles, Salad Oil and Mustard
Table Salt, in round glass jars
Jams & Jellies, and Marmalade
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G. SUTRO & CO.,
Importers and Dealers in
HAVANA CIGARS
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Etc., Et c.
Corner Yates and Wharf streets.
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TO BUILDERS.
PERSONS DESIROUS OF SUBMITTING tenders for the construction of two Brick Stores with Warehouses, on the corner of Port and Government streets, for J. J. Subaque, Esq., may see the plans and specifications at my office.
No tender will be received after 10 a. m. on Thursday the 18th inst.
The lowest or any tender necessarily accepted.
ma15 RICHARD LEWIS, Architect, Government street.

Lumley Franklin,
AUCTIONEER, COMMISSION & REAL ESTATE AGENT
BEGS TO ANNOUNCE THAT HE HAS taken the Freeman's Block Building in Yates street, nearly opposite Messrs. Wells, Fargo & Co.'s Express office. Having had seven years' experience in the Auction business, he respectfully solicits a renewal of public support.
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NOTICE
ALL CLAIMS AGAINST THE UNDERSIGNED must be presented at payment before the 5th April, 1869; and all parties indebted are hereby notified that all outstanding accounts will be placed in the hands of a collector for collection after that date.
ma13 J. H. FAWSON, The Hall, Fort street.

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BARK CECROPS FROM LIVERPOOL.
THE BARK CECROPS, FROM LIVERPOOL, will commence discharging at the Wharf of the undersigned at 8 o'clock this (FRIDAY) MORNING, March 12.
Consignees are requested to call at our office, pay freight and receive orders for their goods.
All goods left on the Wharf after 4 o'clock each day will be stored at Risk and Expense of the owners.
JANION, RHODES & CO.,
March 12, 1869. Store street, ma12 1w

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The Lease, Goodwill, Furniture, Liquors, Bar Fixtures, &c., OF THE
CROWN HOTEL, ESQUIMALT.
THE PROPRIETOR HAVING MADE arrangements to enter into another business, in a distant part of the Colony, immediate possession can be given. This house is well known as a first-class business establishment.
For particulars apply to the Proprietor on the premises.
Esquimalt, March 11, 1869. J. B. THOMPSON, ma12 1w

NOTICE.
NEITHER THE CAPTAIN NOR the undersigned Consignees of the bark CECROPS, from Liverpool, will be responsible for any Debts contracted by the crew of that vessel.
JANION, RHODES & CO.,
Victoria, March 10, 1869. ma11 1w

A VICTORIA VELOCIPED, For Ladies' use, WILL BE RAFFLED
AT THE
Alhambra Saloon,
Cor. Government and Yates Sts.
AT AN EARLY DATE.
100 TICKETS - - - \$2 50 Each,
To be obtained of
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Via Colville and Pen, d'Oreille Lake.
ON AND AFTER APRIL 1, 1869, THE
Steamer
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THE FAST SAILING YACHT "ATLANTA," well known as the Harbor Master's boat, guaranteed sound and in good condition.
Apply to
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A SEVEN-ROOMED HOUSE, NEAR the Government Buildings, James' Bay.
Apply to
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Money on bond and mortgage a loan, in sums to suit the demand.
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